Indo-Bangladesh water dispute

1243. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the representatives of India and Bangladesh Governments was held recently at Dhaka to resolve the issue of sharing of waters of common rivers;

(b) whether in the said meeting, the issue of construction of Ganga Barrage in Bangladesh, Pioalmukh Project in India, and construction of reservoirs in Nepal, to store water for some rivers flowing into the Ganga from Nepal, was raised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, taking into account the interests of India as a whole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) During the visit of the Indian Foreign Secretary to Dhaka in May, 1995, discussions were held to resolve the issue of sharing of waters of common rivers involving joint monitoring on Ganga both in India and Bangladesh and the revival of talks under Joint River Commission.

Agricultural Extension Programmes

1244. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the various Agricultural Extension Programmes under implementation by Government at present;

(b) the number of these programmes being implemented in Orissa; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to effectively implement these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Various Agricultural Extension Programmes under implementation by Government at present are:

(i) training or extension personnel within India and abroad.

(ii) establishment of National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Advanced Training Centres, Extension Education Institutes.

(iii) Exchange of Farmers within the country, Farmers—Scientists Interaction, Agricultural Extension through Voluntary Organisations.

(iv) Training of Women in Agriculture through :—(1) externally aided projects; (2) centre sector Scheme.

(v) Organisation of National/ International fairs/exhibitions, National Agricultural Productivity Awards, shows etc.

(vi) extension & training through Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(vii) Demonstration/training on fertiliser/ bio-fertiliser.

(b) The programmes being implemented in Orissa include:

(i) establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

(ii) training of women in agriculture through DANIDA assisted project.

(iii) conducting block demonstrations and training under National Pulses Development Project and Oilseeds Production Programme.

(iv) exchange of farmers to agriculturally developed areas/ States and training support to field functionaries and farmers.

(v) a regional centre of National Bio-fertilizer Development Centre has been established at Bhubneshwar to propogate use of bio-fertilisers.

(c) The programmes are monitored through periodical visits of teams/experts to review, and take corrective measures.

Shortage of Paraxylene

1245. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: